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Second quarter 2002 broiler exports totaled 1.12 billion pounds, down 20 percent from the same period in 2001. The chief reason for the decline in shipments was the trade disagreement with Russia. While exports to Russia have been almost 30 percent lower over the first 6 months of 2002, the 169 million pounds reportedly shipped during June were considerably higher than in the previous 2 months. While lower broiler exports to Russia is the major factor in the decline in total broiler shipments, exports have also been lower to a number of other major markets, such as Hong Kong/China and Japan. The only major markets with increased exports over the first half of 2002 have been Mexico and Korea.

The forecast for broiler exports during the second half of 2002 calls for gradually increasing shipments compared with second-quarter 2002. However, exports will still be considerably lower than the previous year. The forecast for total exports in the third and fourth quarters is 2.5 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. Along with improvement in the Russian market, this forecast is dependent on gains in exports to such markets as Hong Kong/China and Japan.

Poultry Forecasts, Annual U.S. Trade in million pounds

	2001	2002	2003
Broiler Production	31,266	32,304	33,000
Turkey Production	5,562	5,658	5,675
Table Egg Production*	6,074	6,125	6,110
Broiler Exports	5,557	4,868	5,450
Turkey Exports	487	496	490

*in million dozens

Source: Economic Research Service, USDA

Japanese Frozen Egg Imports, in metric tons

	Frozen Whole Eggs	Frozen Yolk	Frozen Albumen	Total
2001				
April	172.4	1,073.5	204.6	1,450.5
May	175.6	1,123.3	209.2	1,508.1
June	166.7	1,053.5	117.6	1,337.8
2001 To-Date	1,137.4	6,115.5	1,436.4	8,689.3
2002				
April	221.1	1,379.6	54.4	1,655.1
May	262.8	1,366.7	-	1,629.5
June	247.8	901.4	18.1	1,167.3
2002 To-Date	1,431.1	5,331.4	320.1	7,082.6

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

Korea

Korea's market for imported chicken is dominated by the U.S. In 2001, the U.S. market share of chicken meat imports was 60 percent by volume. Chicken meat imports totaled 50,024 MT for the first six months of 2002 compared to 83,375 mt for Jan-Dec 2001. Imports have been strong as import prices of chicken cuts remain very competitive.

Korea – Chicken Meat Imports in metric tons

	U.S	Thailand	China
CY 2001	48,872	30,095	3,657
Jan-Jun 2002	35,314	13,735	280

According to traders, price is the key factor in their business decisions regardless of origin. However, the extent of processing also is important. While chicken legs from Thailand are 50 percent more expensive than U.S. chicken legs, extra processing make the Thai legs a viable option for Korean importers. Korean importers claim Thai cuts are clean and have uniform quality and thus no labor is needed prior to supplying Korean end users. In contrast, Korean importers say U.S. chicken legs need additional trimming, which generates additional cost for importers. As a result, traders always take labor costs and import prices into consideration when deciding whether to buy U.S. or Thai chicken legs.

China has not been able to recapture its market share since the outbreaks of High Pathogenic Avian Influenza in 1997 and 2001. Korean importers are rather reluctant to risk importing Chinese chicken due to sanitary problems from time to time. Also, the Chinese government finds the Korean market less attractive due to rigorous import quarantine inspection.

Source: USDA/FAS

U.S. Poultry Meat in Exports, in metric tons

	January - July		July	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
Russia	611,474.6	437,893.5	91,069.0	64,397.5
Hong Kong	214,092.0	200,679.2	23,712.0	23,047.6
Mexico	151,016.3	151,586.7	18,345.9	13,288.7
Korea	60,768.1	76,829.1	10,332.1	6,649.4
Canada	64,979.5	72,716.7	9,780.9	12,029.9
China	35,275.8	39,790.2	5,143.7	5,473.3
Poland	44,818.2	36,834.5	8,573.3	11,046.0
Turkey	11,065.4	30,618.8	4,216.2	8,107.1
Japan	70,545.9	30,524.1	11,426.3	6,585.4
Angola	22,453.4	26,913.4	1,720.2	7,564.8
World	1,657,789.1	1,425,436.5	226,455.4	206,498.6

Source: Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending September 14, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	456	231	18,542	8,249
Frozen	0	0	21	78
Dried	91	0	655	40
Total	547	231	19,218	8,367

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending September 14, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	164	131	4,701	3,868
Frozen	17	70	2,487	1,073
Dried	160	12	3,828	485
Total	341	213	11,016	5,426

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending September 14, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	33	0	1,546	87
Extra Large	1,230	3,123	25,183	48,812
Large	2,825	2,318	92,283	90,552
Medium	1,230	0	35,933	33,868
Ungraded	19,230	14,880	223,375	280,250
Misc	0	900	13,692	67,220
Total	24,548	21,221	392,012	520,789

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 14-Sep-02
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,622	1,672	3,294
LAST WEEK	1,156	1,084	2,240
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,847	1,523	3,370
TO-DATE/2002	64,668	51,234	115,902
TO-DATE/2001	65,336	51,039	116,375

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	410	13	423
LAST WEEK	257	8	265
SAME WEEK YR AGO	234	0	234
TO-DATE/2002	11,434	244	11,678
TO-DATE/2001	16,298	240	16,538

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,032	1,685	3,717
LAST WEEK	1,413	1,092	2,505
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,081	1,523	3,604
TO-DATE/2002	76,102	51,478	127,580
TO-DATE/2001	81,634	51,279	132,913

SOURCE: USDA/AMS PLTRY PROGRAMS, MRKT NEWS BR.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

	20-SEP-2002			
CHICKEN	PRICES ——— VOLUME ———			
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

	PRICES ——— VOLUME ———			
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
15-20%				
RANGE	14.50-17.00	9.00-14.00	1,956,400	481,600
WTD AVERAGE	15.12	11.31		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	17.00	-	40,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.00			

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

	20-SEP-2002			
CHICKEN	PRICES ——— VOLUME ———			
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

	PRICES ——— VOLUME ———			
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.50-17.00	13.50-16.00	850,000	370,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.87	14.75		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.50-16.00	11.50-13.50	1,000,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	14.64	12.39		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 20 SEPTEMBER 2002.

Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady on fresh tom breast meat, at least steady on fresh destrapped tenderloins, and steady to fully steady on fresh wing meat. Fresh tom breast meat demand was light to fair with some noting buyer interest continuing to slow when compared to previous weeks. Demand was fair on fresh destrapped tenderloins and fair to good on fresh wing meat. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat were adequate to fully adequate, light on the balance of fresh white meat. Frozen white meat undertone was fully steady on scapula, balance steady to barely steady. Frozen demand ranged light to instances fair with isolated improved interest noted on wing meat. Offerings of scapula tight, balance mixed. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady with increased confidence noted, institutional breasts steady to fully steady. Demand ranged light to instances good for the generally adequate offerings. Domestic trading centered on a heavy volume of Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts for mostly October shipments, balance light. Export trading centered on moderate volumes of thigh meat and drums. Non-basted breasts: Grade A 12-16 lb. 102, plant grade 12-16 lb. 92, plant grade basted 20-24 lb. breasts 102 cents delivered domestic. Fresh thigh meat 55, hen 2-joint wings 57 cents delivered export.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2002

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-20.00		19.72	516	20.03	884
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.00	208	22.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	26.00	104	26.00	104
TAILS	15.00		15.00	240	15.66	1,948
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	19.50		19.50	40	19.71	470
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.00-55.00		53.00	640	51.86	1,102

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2002

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.25		19.25	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	104
TAILS	14.00-19.00		14.83	1,080
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	19.50-20.00		19.63	150
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00-56.00		53.60	50

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2002

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-22.00		20.94	264
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	15.00		15.00	260
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	19.00-19.50		19.17	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	48.00-53.00		50.00	200

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2002

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	19.49	408
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	24.83	156
TAILS		M	19.00	368
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	19.00		19.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00		49.00	52

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2002

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	19.49	408
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	24.83	156
TAILS	19.00		19.00	368
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	21.50		21.50	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00		50.00	160

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.